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LETTER DATED 14 SEPTEMBER 1992 FROM THE PERMANENT REPRESENTATIVE OF IRAQ TO THE UNITED NATIONS ADDRESSED TO THE SECRETARY-GENERAL

On instructions from my Government, I should like to inform you that United States aircraft continued to violate Iraqi airspace for purposes of observation and provocation during the period 3 to 11 September 1992.

3-4 September 1992

(a) In the northern region: 20 sorties at speeds of 600 to 900 kilometres per hour and at altitudes of 2,000 to 6,500 metres. The flights were centred over the regions of Mosul, Arbil, Dohuk, Amadiyah, Zakho and Tall Afar.

(b) In the southern region: 102 sorties flown by F-14s, F-15s, F-16s and AWACs at speeds of 600 to 900 kilometres per hour and at altitudes of 7,000 to 9,000 metres. The flights were centred over the regions of Basra, Nasiriyah, Shatrah, Samawah, Amarah, Qurnah, Khidr, Jalibah, Artawi and Lasaf.

4-5 September 1992

(a) In the northern region: 28 sorties at speeds of 600 to 900 kilometres per hour and at altitudes of 4,000 to 6,000 metres. The flights were centred over the regions of Mosul, Arbil, Dohuk, Tall Afar, Amadiyah and Rawandoz.

(b) In the southern region: 70 sorties flown by F-4s, F-15s and F-16s at speeds of 600 to 720 kilometres per hour and at altitudes of 4,000 to 12,000 metres. The flights were centred over the regions of Nasiriyah, Amarah, Basra, Samawah, Shatrah, the south of Diwaniyah, the south of Najaf, Qurnah, Salman and Ushbaijah.

5-6 September 1992

(a) In the northern region: 20 sorties at speeds of 600 to 900 kilometres per hour and at altitudes of 3,000 to 5,000 metres. The flights were centred over the regions of Mosul, Dohuk, Amadiyah, Arbil, Tall Afar, and Zakho.

(b) In the southern region: 95 sorties flown by F-4s, F-15s, F-16s and AWACs at speeds of 600 to 800 kilometres per hour and at altitudes of 5,000 to 17,000 metres. The flights were centred over the regions of Basra, Amarah, Nasiriyah, Samawah, Qurnah, Ushbaijah, Khidr and Busayyah.

6-7 September 1992

(a) In the northern region: 2 sorties at speeds of 600 to 900 kilometres per hour and at an altitude of 5,000 metres. The flights were centred over Mosul, Dohuk, Zakho and Tall Afar.

(b) In the southern region: 84 sorties flown by F-4s, F-15s, F-16s and Mirages at speeds of 600 to 900 kilometres per hour and at altitudes of 5,000 to 10,000 metres. The flights were centred over the regions of Basra, Qurnah, Qal'at Salih, Nasiriyah, the south of Diwaniyah, Shatrah, Ushbaijah, Salman, Busayyah, Samawah, Khidr and Artawi.

7-8 September 1992

(a) In the northern region: No recorded activity.

(b) In the southern region: 86 sorties flown by F-4s, F-14s, F-15s, F-16s and Mirages at speeds of 600 to 900 kilometres per hour and at altitudes of 5,000 to 10,000 metres. The flights were centred over the regions of Basra, Nasiriyah, Amarah, Nasiriyah, Samawah, Qurnah and Busayyah.

9-10 September 1992

(a) In the northern region: 16 sorties at speeds of 600 to 900 kilometres per hour and at altitudes of 4,000 to 5,000 metres. The flights were centred over Mosul, Arbil, Dohuk and Amadiyah.

(b) In the southern region: 117 sorties flown by F-4s, F-14s, F-15s and F-16s at speeds of 600 to 900 kilometres per hour and at altitudes of 5,000 to 11,000 metres. The flights were centred over the regions of Basra, Nasiriyah, Salman, Samawah and Busayyah.

10-11 September 1992

(a) In the northern region: 6 sorties at speeds of 600 to 900 kilometres per hour and at altitudes of 5,000 to 7,000 metres. The flights were centred over Mosul, Arbil, Zakho, Amadiyah and Dohuk.

(b) In the southern region: 62 sorties flown by F-4s, F-15s and F-16s at speeds of 600 to 900 kilometres per hour and at altitudes of 5,000 to 11,000 metres. The flights were centred over the regions of Nasiriyah, Salman and Busayyah. At 1132 hours, the sound barrier was broken above the town of Nasiriyah by four formations of United States F-15 aircraft flying at an altitude of 8,000 metres.

I should be grateful if you would have this letter circulated as an official document of the Security Council.

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